

then I have a question back on the highway bill I wish to ask him.

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I want to say that when one receives complimentary remarks, the merit and the weight of those remarks depend a great deal who they come from. When I receive such generous comments as I have just received from the distinguished Senator from West Virginia, whom he knows I long have had not only great admiration for but great affection for, and we have been in harness here together on many issues on the same side—on some issues we have been on the other side.

To the Senator from West Virginia, I just want to say thank you very much for those very, very kind remarks. As he knows, one of the great pleasures I have had in this Chamber in serving in the U.S. Senate is the relationship I have had with ROBERT BYRD. I count myself very, very lucky. So I will treasure the kind comments he made.

I further will say I think I'll believe them all, and if my children have any doubts about their father, I will tell them, "Here is what ROBERT BYRD said about him." I will make sure they all get copies of it.

I want to thank him very, very much.

Mr. BYRD. I can guarantee the Senator, I will never be in his State advocating that his people not vote for him, and if I'm up in his State, I will be glad to say what I have just said today about him.

INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT OF 1997

Mr. BYRD. Now, Mr. President, back on the highway bill, I understood the distinguished Senator from Rhode Island to indicate yesterday that Mr. DOMENICI's amendment, which he, Mr. CHAFEE, was going to cosponsor, was going to be entered at the desk. I have inquired there now, and I don't believe it has been entered up to this point.

Mr. CHAFEE. It was filed this morning before 10 a.m. was my clear understanding.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There have been a number of amendments submitted, any one of which might meet that description.

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I'm informed it is amendment No. 1522.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. That amendment, the Chair understands, is being processed and was just recently submitted.

Mr. BYRD. So it is now being processed and will be available.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. It is at the desk.

Mr. BYRD. I want to have the opportunity to study it and perhaps be able to comment on it if need be.

Mr. CHAFEE. I think we will certainly get the Senator a copy of it, and we can do that this evening.

Mr. BYRD. I thank the distinguished Senator. I don't have anything else to say at this point.

I yield the floor.

Mr. CHAFEE. Now, Mr. President, I just want to say one other thing to the Senator from West Virginia. He said some kind things about me being up front and so forth. I want to thank him very much for being so candid with us. There are no tricks, there are no games here. We are each proceeding and doing everything we can, as was mentioned, to keep everything aboveboard so there are no unfair surprises. I thank the Senator very much for that. I greatly appreciate it.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, on behalf of myself and the minority leader, the Senator from South Dakota, I would like to correct the statement made by the majority leader in the RECORD. The majority leader indicated that he and the Senator from South Dakota had an understanding with regard to how to bring back the campaign finance reform issue.

But the fact is that the agreement had not been reduced to writing, and that when it was reduced to writing, his understanding, that is, the understanding of the Senator from the State of South Dakota, my understanding, and the understanding of every member of our caucus was that the vehicle by which this would happen would be that we would bring back Senate bill 25, as modified.

The agreement did not include that language. And there simply was no additional or new request made by anyone on our behalf. So I would like to correct that statement as well. That did not happen. We are hopeful that an agreement can be reached. But I do have to say, for the record, that it simply was not a correct representation of what happened with regard to the negotiations today.

Thank you, Mr. President.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1997

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 9:45 a.m. on Friday, October 24. I further ask that on Friday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted. I also ask that the cloture vote occur on the modified committee amendment to S. 1173, the ISTEA reauthorization bill, at the hour of 9:45 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, tomorrow morning, the Senate will conduct a cloture vote on the committee amendment to the ISTEA legislation. If cloture is invoked, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the ISTEA legislation. In addition, the Senate may turn to any available appropriations conference reports—possibly the Interior conference report. As earlier announced, the Senate is expected to vote on the nomination of Algenon Marbley to be U.S. District Judge on Monday, October 27 at 5 p.m. As a reminder to all Members, the next roll-call vote will occur at 9:45 a.m. tomorrow morning.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:45 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:43 p.m., adjourned until Friday, October 24, 1997, at 9:45 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate October 23, 1997:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

PAUL J. HOEPER, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, VICE GILBERT F. DECKER, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

LINDA KEY BREATHITT, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2002, VICE DONALD FARLEY SANTA, JR. TERM EXPIRED.

CURT HERBERT, JR., OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 1999, VICE ELIZABETH ANNE MOLER.

INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION

FRANK D. YTURRIA, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JUNE 26, 2002. (RE-APPOINTMENT)

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate October 23, 1997:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

KEVIN L. THURM, OF NEW YORK, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

PETER L. SCHER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS SPECIAL TRADE NEGOTIATOR.

EDWARD E. SHUMAKER III, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

ELLEN SEIDMAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF THRIFT SUPERVISION FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS WERE APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEES' COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.